

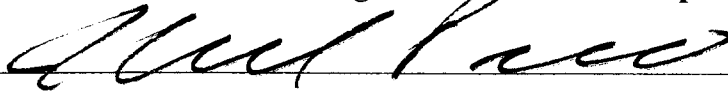
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TO: Energy and Environment Committee

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DATE: July 31, 2003

SUBJECT: PILUT EIR Briefing and EIR Action Plan Update



Recommended Action:

Receive and File

INTRODUCTION:

The PILUT (Planning for Integrated Land Use and Transportation) 2004 RTP EIR Action Plan outlines all of the major steps necessary to produce an adequate and useful Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The Action Plan has been updated from the Action Plan included in the April 3, 2003 EEC agenda.

PILUT 2004 EIR ACTION PLAN

<u>Roles</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
Priorities and Normative Direction	Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)	Ongoing
Environmental Manager	Sylvia Patsaouras	Ongoing
Project Manager	Ted Harris	Ongoing until April 2004
Core Team	Jennifer Merrick, Brett Sears, and Bernice Villanueva	Ongoing until April 2004
Specialist Team	Nancy Pfeffer, Molly Hoffman, Ashwani Vasishth, Philip Law, Joe Carreras, Dan Grisett, Frank Wen, Hsi-Hwa Hu, Simon Choi, Mary Jane Abare, Deng Bang Lee, Legal, Interns & EIR consultants	Ongoing until April 2004

Phase 1: Preparation and Consultant Procurement

<u>Team/Tasks</u>	<u>Potential Staff</u>	<u>Current Schedule</u>	<u>Status</u>
Prepare Scope of Work	Ted Harris	First Quarter of 2002/2003	Complete
Release RFP	Ted Harris and Contracts Staff	Posted October 2, 2002	Complete
Pre-bid Meeting	Nancy Pfeffer and Ted Harris	October 9, 2002	Complete
EIR Consultant Proposals Due	Consultants	October 30, 2002	Complete
EIR Panel Meeting to Review Proposals	Rich Macias, Nancy Pfeffer, Caltrans & 2 outside members	November 5, 2002 1-4:00 p.m.	Complete

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Interview Bidders	Rich Macias, Nancy Pfeffer, Caltrans, and two outside panel members	November 13, 2002 10-4:30 p.m.	Complete
Secure approval of consultant contract	Ted Harris	Approved by RC in April 2003	Complete
Issue the Notice to Proceed (NTP)	Contracts staff	July 18, 2003	Pending Caltrans' final approval and 1-2 days processing by Contracts

Phase 2: Preparation of the Draft PEIR

<u>Milestones</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Status</u>
Public Outreach	Everyone, but especially Nancy Pfeffer and Don Rhodes	Ongoing	Ongoing
Formal Meeting with Outside Legal	Mark Pisano, Jim Gosnell, Hasan Ikhrata, Rich Macias, Ted Harris, Pat Chen, and Colin Lennard	January 8, 2003 from 2:00 to 3:30	Completed; Ongoing work with Legal throughout the process
Continue to coordinate with Growth Visioning, Aviation, RTP Development, and Modeling/Forecasting staff	Everyone	Ongoing	Successful-PILUT is a key part of this effort
Review CEQA statute, guidelines, and case law for the PEIR	Ted Harris and Jennifer Merrick	Ongoing	Ongoing
Obtain entire 2001 RTP PEIR in MS Word®	Ted Harris	Received on November 25, 2002	Complete
Update Environmental Setting	SCAG staff will update and the EIR consultant will finalize and incorporate into the Draft EIR	January-July 2003, with Land Use pending	In progress; we are obtaining current Land use data
Release the Notice of Preparation (NOP)	Ted Harris, Bernice Villanueva, Brett Sears, Jessica Kirchner, Amy Cheng, and Reproduction	June 9, 2003	Complete, EEC approved in May; RC approved in June; Released on June 9 th
Growth Scenarios Development	Simon Choi, Hsi-Hwa Hu, Mark Butala, Jim Jacob, Philip Law, Deng Bang Lee	Final Scenarios need to be completed by April 2003	PILUT1&2 are being refined and the hybrid is being developed
EIR/RTP Alternatives Development	Naresh Amatya, Philip Law, Mark Butala, Ted Harris, Jennifer Merrick, Brett Sears, Simon Choi, and consultants	Finalize in August 2003	PILUT1&2 networks are being refined and the hybrid is being developed
Modeling/Data: Estimate development pattern (spatial data) associated with each	Deng Bang Lee, Hsi-Hwa Hu, Jim Jacob, Simon Choi, Ted Harris, etc.	July-August 2003	Modeling and reallocation is underway

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EIR Alternative			
Modeling/Data: Run traffic model for each EIR Alternative with each distinct development pattern to calculate total VMT and regional traffic effects	Deng Bang Lee, Hsi-Hwa Hu, Jim Jacob, Simon Choi, etc.	May-August 2003	CEQA No Project, PILUT1&2 are being run

Phase 2: Preparation of the Draft PEIR Continued

Milestones	Staff	Schedule	Status
Develop Maps for the EIR/RTP	Mary Jane Abare, Ping Wang and other SCAG mapping staff. Overseen by Brett Sears in coordination with EIR consultant.	January 2003-October 2003	Underway and ongoing
Establish the CEQA Baseline for each impact category	Ted Harris with assistance from each specialist and the EIR consultant	January 2003-July 2003	Initially complete but may be revised as needed
Establish Thresholds of Significance	Ted Harris and Jennifer Merrick with each author of each impact category	January-July 2003	Initially complete but may be revised as needed
Establish Methodology for Impact Assessment	Ted Harris with each author of each impact category	January-July 2003	Initially complete but may be revised as needed
Conduct Technical studies	SCAG specialist, EIR Consultant as directed by SCAG, and Water Supply Agencies with SCAG Staff	June 2003-October 2003	Pending
Conduct Impact assessments for each impact category (listed below)	Each author of each impact category with assistance from the EIR consultant	May 2003-November 2003; Alternatives analysis must be completed by September 15, 2003	Evaluation of Alternatives is underway
Compile Administrative Draft of the PEIR	Bernice Villanueva, Brett Sears, and SCAG Operations staff	October/November 2003	Pending
Produce Graphics and Volumes	SCAG Graphics and Operations staff	Complete by October 2003	Pending
Technical and Legal Review of the Draft	Ted Harris, EIR consultant, SCAG Legal	November 2003	Ongoing
Finalize production of the Draft PEIR	Bernice Villanueva and SCAG Operations staff	November 15, 2003	Pending
File a Notice of Completion	Ted Harris	December 2003	Pending
Release Draft PEIR to Public	Ted Harris, Jennifer Merrick, and Brett Sears	December 2003	45-60 day public review

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Public Hearing	Ted Harris, Jennifer Merrick, and Brett Sears	December 2003	Pending
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Phase 2 Breakout: Draft PEIR Content Responsibilities (completed for Administrative Draft)

Draft EIR Content	Potential Staff
Executive Summary	Ted Harris
Introduction	Ted Harris
Project Description	Philip Law and Jennifer Merrick
Finalize the Environmental Settings	Each author of each impact category
Mitigation Measures	Jennifer Merrick is SCAG lead with assistance from mitigation specialists, such as a biologist, geologist, cultural/architectural historian, noise expert, etc. We will need to ensure that the programmatic mitigation measures in the EIR are useful, effective, and feasible in order to ensure the legal defensibility of the EIR. Additionally, we need to ensure that the Mitigation Monitoring Program and Reporting is funded and implemented.
Population, Employment and Housing	Joe Carreras, Brett Sears, Nancy Pfeffer, and Frank Wen
Land Use	Brett Sears, Joe Carreras, and GIS staff
Transportation	Jennifer Merrick and Bernice Villanueva
Air Quality	EIR consultant with oversight by Molly Hoffman and Ashwani Vasishth
Noise	EIR consultant
Aesthetics and Views	Brett Sears and Ashwani Vasishth
Biological Resources	Jennifer Merrick is lead with support from GIS staff and assistance from the EIR consultant.
Cultural Resources	Certified EIR consultant specialist, Joe Carreras, Brett Sears, and GIS staff
Geology, Soils and Seismicity	EIR consultant, Ashwani Vasishth, Jessica Kirchner, etc.
Energy	Nancy Pfeffer
Water Resources	Jennifer Merrick, Dan Griset, Ted Harris, GIS staff, and technical assistance from MWD to support a regional-scale, programmatic, water supply assessment.
Public Services and Utilities	Brett Sears
Conduct and Complete comparison of Alternatives	Ted Harris, Jennifer Merrick, Brett Sears, Philip Law, Mark Butala with each author of each impact category, GIS staff, and the EIR consultant per direction from SCAG. Alternatives analysis must be completed by September 15, 2003 to support the selection of the Preferred Alternative.
Significant Unavoidable Environ Changes	Ted Harris and each author of each impact category with assistance from the EIR consultant
Significant Irreversible Impacts	Ted Harris and each author of each impact category with assistance from the EIR consultant
Growth Inducing Impacts	Ted Harris, Hsi-Hwa Hu, Jim Jacob, Simon Choi, GIS staff, EIR consultant, and Legal
Cumulative Impacts	Ted Harris, each author of each impact category, and the EIR consultant
Organizations/Persons Consulted	Brett Sears with assistance from everyone on the EIR Team

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Phase 3: Preparation of Final PEIR

Milestones	Staff	Schedule	Status
Cataloging of Comments	Bernice Villanueva and Brett Sears	Dec. 2003-Jan 2004	Pending
Prepare Response to Comments	EIR consultant with oversight and direction from SCAG	January-February 2004	Pending
Send Responses to Comment Agencies	EIR consultant	February/ March 2004	Pending; must be sent to commenting agencies 10 days before RC decision
RC makes a decision on the RTP	Regional Council	April 1, 2004	Pending
Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations Written and Adopted	Ted Harris, Jennifer Merrick, Brett Sears, Rich Macias, Legal Council, and the EIR consultant	April 1, 2004	Pending
Prepare and compete Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Program Adopted	EIR consultant in coordination with each author of each impact category	April 1, 2004	CEQA mandates an ongoing Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Program
Notice of Determination Filed	Ted Harris, Jennifer Merrick, Brett Sears with assistance from the EIR consultant	5 days from approval	Pending
Notice of Determination Posted	Multiple people will be needed to help post at the county clerk's offices	24 hours from filing	Pending
Implement Mitigation Program	SCAG staff with technical, procedural support and outreach from the EIR consultant	April 2004-April 2007	Resources and time must be committed to defensible and ongoing monitoring and reporting program

Summary of Milestones:

September 4, 2003 Final Alternatives to policy committees and RC

October 2, 2003 Multi-criterion Alternatives analysis to policy committees and RC to select Preferred Alternative

December 4, 2003 RC releases PEIR (Public Hearing sometime thereafter)

January 23, 2004 Close of Public Comments for EIR

April 2004 Adopt RTP, Final PEIR, Findings, and the Statement of Overriding Considerations